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Statement  
Of  
Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield  
On  
HB 5329 An Act Eliminating The Inclusion Of A Physician's Personally Identifiable  
Information From Health Insurance Claim Forms

Good afternoon, Senator Crisco, Representative Megna and members of the Insurance and Real Estate Committee. My name is Christine Cappiello and I am the Director of Government Relations for Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield in Connecticut. **HB 5329 An Act Eliminating The Inclusion Of A Physician's Personally Identifiable Information From Health Insurance Claim Forms.**

While we understand the intent of this legislation as protection of a physicians identifiable information is front and center of the physicians' minds in the age of identity theft we believe that this bill will have unintended consequences. Currently our billing system needs the social security number and/or the National Provider Identification Number as well as the Tax ID number (TIN) of the group that they are affiliated with in order to receive payment. Our claims processing system needs to be able to determine which group should be paid for physicians who are affiliated with more than one practical. As a practical example Dr. Jones has an individual NPI. He also works for ProHealth, Hartford Medical Group and has a solo practice. Each group has their own group TIN which is billed in box 25 of the claim form. The claims system relied on the combination of the provider's NPI and the TIN to process the claim and ensuring payment is made to the right Tax ID number.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and we welcome any questions you may have.